(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to funds constraint. The Government may, however, consider declaration of very limited length of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the Tenth Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Upgradation of road from Jeypore to Motu in Orissa

3089. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for upgradation of State road from Jeypore to Motu *via* Baipariguda-Mathili-Malkangiri and Kalimela in Orissa;

(b) whether the proposal has been included for upgradation during 2002-03; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of road in Karnataka

3090. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for upgrading a district road into State Highway and State Highway to National Highway;

(b) the number of roads upgraded during the last three years in various parts of the country with revenue implications, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to upgrade the existing district road from Kollegal to Talabetta *via* Ramapur and MM Hills; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard with revenue implications and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Upgradation of a district road into State Highway comes under the purview of the respective State Government. The criteria for upgrading State roads into National Highways is at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) State-wise details of State roads upgraded to National Highways during the last three years are at Statement-II (*See* below). Upgradation of National Highways do not have revenue implications.

(c) No proposal has been received to upgrade the road from Kollegal to Talabetta as National Highway.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Criteria for the declaration of new National Highway

(i) Roads which run through the lengh and breadth of the country.

(ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries.

(iii) Roads connecting the national capital with State capital and roads connecting mutually the State capitals.

(iv) Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centres.

(v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.

(vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.

(vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.

(viii) National Highway grid of 100 km is achieved.

(ix) The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways — both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.

(x) The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.

(xi) The right of way required for the National Highway (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.

Statement-II

Details of State roads upgraded to National Highways during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of State	National Highway No.	Total Length (in kms.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	214 & 219	398
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	153	40
3.	Assam	151, 152, 153 & 154	184
4.	Bihar	81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 98, 99, 101, 102 103, 104, 105, 106 & 107	1323
5.	Chhattisgarh	12A, 78, 216 & 217	278
6.	Gujarat	8E	220
7.	Himachal Pradesh	88	115
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Extn. of 1B	85
9.	Jharkhand	Extn. of 75, 98, 99 & 100	513
10.	Karnataka	212 & 218	336
11.	Kerala	212, 213 & 220	430
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12A, 59A, Extn. of 75, 86, Extn. of 86 & 92	1166
13.	Mizoram	154	70
14.	Orissa	215 & 217	786
15.	Punjab	95	225
16.	Rajasthan	Extn. of 11A, 79A, 89 & 90	516
17.	Tamil Nadu	219 & 220	77
18.	Uttaranchal	72A, 87, 94, 108 & 109	429
19.	Uttar Pradesh	2A, Extn. of 58, 72A, Ext. of 75, 76, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 96 & 97	1281
20.	West Bengal	81	55
	TOTAL:		P527